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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-seventh session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 26 July 1996. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 8 July 1996 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-seventh session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its fifty-sixth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its fifty-seventh session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 to 5 July 1996.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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3. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

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8. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda.

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its fifty-sixth session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the fifty-seventh session and to further review the Committee's procedures under article 40 of the Covenant, in the light of the discussion on that subject at the Committee's fifty-sixth session.

3. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-seventh session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties :

State party	Symbol	Report	Date due	Date received
Gabon	CCPR/C/31/Add.4	Initial	1984	16.11.1995
Georgia	CCPR/C/100/Add.1	Initial	1995	21.11.1996
Slovakia	CCPR/C/81/Add.9	Initial	1993	09.01.1996
Lithuania	CCPR/C/81/Add.10	Initial	1993	16.04.1996
Bolivia	CCPR/C/63/Add.4	Second	1990	20.03.1996
Denmark	CCPR/C/64/Add.11	Third	1990	07.04.1995
Portugal (Macau)	CCPR/C/70/Add.9	Third	1991	01.03.1996
India	CCPR/C/76/Add.6	Third	1992	29.11.1995
France	CCPR/C/76/Add.7	Third	1992	15.03.1996
Cyprus	CCPR/C/94/Add.1	Third	1994	28.12.1994
Iceland	CCPR/C/94/Add.2	Third	1994	23.03.1995
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	CCPR/C/102/Add.1	Third	1995	29.11.1995
Belarus	CCPR/C/84/Add.4	Fourth	1993	11.04.1995
Germany	CCPR/C/84/Add.5	Fourth	1993	12.09.1995
Finland	CCPR/C/95/Add.6	Fourth	1994	10.08.1995
Romania	CCPR/C/95/Add.7	Fourth	1994	26.04.1996
Senegal	CCPR/C/103/Add.1	Fourth	1995	19.09.1995
Iraq	CCPR/C/103/Add.2	Fourth	1995	05.02.1996

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the fifty-sixth session (4 April 1996) but have not yet been received.

INITIAL REPORTS

	State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
1	Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	14
2	Somalia	23 April 1991	9
3	Zimbabwe	12 August 1992	7
4	Croatia	7 October 1992	5
5	Grenada	5 December 1992	4
6	the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16 September 1992	2
8	Israel	2 January 1993	6
9	Albania	3 January 1993	6
10	Bosnia - Herzegovina	05 March 1993	2
11	Angola[1]	9 April 1993	2
12	Benin	11 June 1993	4
13	Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1993	3
14	Seychelles	4 August 1993	4
15	Cambodia	25 August 1993	2
16	Lesotho	08 December 1993	1
17	Czech Republic	31 December 1993	2
18	Moldova	25 April 1994	3
19	Ethiopia	10 September 1994	3
20	Dominica	16 September 1994	3
21	Armenia	22 September 1994	3
22	Mozambique	20 October 1994	3
23	Cape Verde	05 November 1994	1
24	Malawi	21 March 1995	2
25	Kyrgystan	6 January 1996	-
26	Namibia	27 February 1996	-

SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS

	State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
1	Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	24
2	Gambia	21 June 1985	22
3	Suriname	2 August 1985	21
4	Lebanon	21 March 1986	21
5	Kenya	11 April 1986	20
6	Mali	11 April 1986	20
7	Jamaica	1 August 1986	18
8	Guyana	10 April 1987	18
9	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	16
10	Central African Republic	9 April 1989	13
11	Gabon	20 April 1989	-
12	Congo	4 January 1990	12
13	Viet Nam	31 July 1991	8
14	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	9
15	San Marino	17 January 1992	8
16	Sudan	17 June 1992	6
17	Philippines	22 January 1993	6
18	Equatorial Guinea[2]	24 December 1993	4
19	Niger	31 March 1994	4
20	Algeria	11 December 1995	-
21	Ireland	7 March 1996	-

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS

	State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
1	Lebanon[3]	21 March 1988	16
2	Syrian Arab Republic[3]	18 August 1989	13
3	Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	12
4	Gambia[3]	21 June 1990	11
5	Suriname[3]	2 August 1990	11
6	Barbados	11 April 1991	10
7	Kenya[3]	11 April 1991	10
8	Mali[3]	11 April 1991	10
9	Nicaragua	11 June 1991	9
10	Zaire	31 July 1991	9

THIRD PERIODIC REPORTS (ctd)

	State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
11	Jamaica[3]	1 August 1991	9
12	Australia	12 November 1991	8
13	Panama	31 March 1992	8
14	Guyana[3]	10 April 1992	8
15	Rwanda[1]	10 April 1992	2
16	Madagascar	31 July 1992	7
17	Central African Republic[3]	7 August 1992	7
18	Democratic People's Republic of Korea[3]	13 December 1992	6
19	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines[3]	8 February 1993	6
20	Austria	9 April 1993	5
21	Bolivia	11 November 1993	-
22	Viet Nam[3]	23 December 1993	-
23	Tanzania	31 December 1993	4
24	Venezuela	31 December 1993	4
25	Gabon	20 April 1994	-
26	Afghanistan	23 April 1994	-
27	Belgium	20 July 1994	3
28	Luxembourg	17 November 1994	2
29	Bulgaria	31 December 1994	2
30	Egypt	31 December 1994	2
31	Guinea	31 December 1994	2
32	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	31 December 1994	2
33	Congo	04 January 1995	2
34	Cameroon	26 September 1995	1
35	El Salvador	31 December 1995	-
36	Togo	31 December 1995	-

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS

	State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
1	Lebanon[3/4]	21 March 1993	4
2	Panama[4]	6 June 1993	5
3	Madagascar[4]	3 August 1993	5
4	Yugoslavia	3 August 1993	5
5	Ecuador	4 November 1993	5

FOURTH PERIODIC REPORTS (ctd)

	State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
6	Dominican Republic	3 April 1994	4
7	Chile	28 April 1994	3
8	Syrian Arab Republic[3/4]	18 August 1994	3
9	Poland	27 October 1994	3
10	Uruguay	31 December 1994	2
11	Trinidad and Tobago[4]	20 March 1995	2
12	Canada	4 April 1995	2
13	Mongolia	4 April 1995	2
14	Gambia[3/4]	21 June 1995	1
15	India	9 July 1995	-
16	Colombia	2 August 1995	1
17	Costa Rica	2 August 1995	1
18	Hungary	2 August 1995	1
19	Suriname[3/4]	2 August 1995	1
20	Venezuela	1 November 1995	1
21	Denmark	1 November 1995	-
22	Italy	31 December 1995	-
23	El Salvador	28 February 1996	-

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's fifty-sixth session (4 April 1996) and the closing date of its fifty-seventh session (26 July 1996)

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due
Somalia	23 April 1996
Republic of Korea	9 July 1996

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due
Barbados	11 April 1996
Kenya	11 April 1996
Mali	11 April 1996
Tanzania	11 April 1996
Nicaragua	11 June 1996

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-seventh session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Nigeria[5] (initial)	CCPR/C/92/Add.1	Tuesday, a.m.	9 July 1996
Brazil (initial)	CCPR/C/81/Add.6	Wednesday a.m./p.m.	10 July 1996
		Thursday, a.m.	11 July 1996
Switzerland (initial)	CCPR/C/81/Add.8	Monday, a.m./p.m.	15 July 1996
		Tuesday, a.m.	16 July 1996
Peru (Third periodic)	CCPR/C/83/Add.1	Thursday, a.m./p.m.	18 July 1996

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-seventh session.

5. General Comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will resume consideration of a draft General Comment relating to article 25 of the Covenant which had been initiated at its fifty-third session.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and forty communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 45 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 95 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, para.3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

7. Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the Follow-Up on Views.

8. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Protocol. The annual report in 1996 will cover the activities of the Committee at its fifty-fifth (October/November 1995), fifty-sixth (March/April 1996) and fifty-seventh (July 1996) sessions.

Notes

1. The Committee has requested the Government to submit a special report for discussion by the Committee.

2. The State party's initial report has not yet been received

3. The States Party's second periodic report has not yet been received

4. The States party's third periodic report has not yet been received

5. Consideration of the initial report of Nigeria was initiated at the 56th session of the Committee and could not be concluded due to time constraints.